GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PRISONER`S ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)the number of convicts and undertrials who managed to escape while attending courts and from various jails in Delhi and other parts of the country during last six months;

(b) the reaction of the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government has chalked out any strategy in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) to (d): `Prisons` being a State subject, specific information about the number of convicts and undertrials escaping while attending courts from jails in Delhi and other parts of the country is not maintained by the Central Government. Prison management, including the prevention of escape of prisoners from jails, is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Government, on its part, has been extending financial support to the State Governments for strengthening their prison security, etc.